

### Congressman Colden at the Capitol

By CHARLES J. COLDEN  
WASHINGTON, Apr. 29.—  
(Special to The Herald)—The agricultural department has become one of the expensive branches of the government. The appropriation in the bill recently passed by the House amounted to \$927,398,548, which is not far from one billion dollars, and almost as much as the combined expense of the army and navy. This is the appropriation for the year 1938. Biggest item in this immense appropriation is for conservation and use of agricultural land resources. Conservation of the soil of America is one of our great problems. The destruction of fertility of soil, constant erosion, blowing away of soil in the dust bowl are problems that require very large amounts of money to combat.

The bug business is a big item of expense to Uncle Sam. Insects and pests are expanding with great rapidity. One of our difficulties is that European and Asiatic pests are added to our own varieties. Then there are diseases of our domestic animals. There is an experiment station at Beltsville, Md., about eight miles from the District of Columbia, where various kinds of serums and antitoxins are produced and where all sorts of researches are made to prevent

disease and contagion, at an expense of \$447,775.  
An appropriation of \$513,940 was made for the eradication of cattle ticks which are prevalent in some parts of the country. Hog cholera control costs \$127,192. For inspection and quarantine of cattle, sheep and horses, and similar expenses, the amount is \$680,000. Meat inspection costs \$5,433,000. That would buy a lot of ham. In addition to the meat inspection, Uncle Sam provides \$381,879 for the regulation of the packers and stockyards. Foot and mouth diseases amount to \$3,500,000; and the total amount for the animal industry is more than \$10,000,000.

**TRIBUTE TO BRYAN**  
Nebraska has furnished two statesmen, William Jennings Bryan and J. Sterling Morton, for the statutory hall in the capitol. Having been a personal friend and a very devoted supporter of Bryan, I received a special invitation to the ceremonies Tuesday afternoon. The governor of Nebraska, at least two ex-governors, and other notables were present from Nebraska.

Nearly everybody has a political hero. Bryan was the ideal of my younger days. I was always swept off my feet by his oratory. Bryan was crucified on a cross of gold in the campaign of 1896, when Mark Hanna virtually purchased the vote of the five doubtful states in one of the most corrupt political campaigns known in the history of our country. Bryan planted the seed for many political reforms and others have reaped the harvest of reward.

### Steel Worker Climaxes 50-Year Pursuit of Wood Carving Hobby With Masterpiece

Fifty years ago Charles Foster, of the Columbia Steel Foundry, became interested in wood carving, a hobby which he followed patiently until today he can boast of many achievements in this art.

At the age of 12 years, he went to work in a coal mine in Wigan, Lancashire, England, and earned the magnificent sum of 24 cents a day. Of this he received only pocket money, six cents a week, which he saved until he possessed the fabulous amount of 36 cents. With this he bought his first set of tools and began to practice on old cigar boxes and other scraps of wood.

He received his first prize money for carving in 1894 at an exhibition sponsored by the Sunday School Union of his town. Foster continued his hobby after settling in Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, Canada, in 1906. In 1926 he entered a country-wide competition for scroll work held in Toronto. Of the 625 contestants, Foster's work was considered the best and he was awarded the first prize.

During his residence in Torrance, Foster has added considerably to his collection, the most important being the huge cathedral clock pictured adjoining this story. This piece of work, his masterpiece, tells in pictures, the entire Passion Play or Life of Christ. It took a year and a half to complete, contains 650 different pieces and eight varieties of wood. Pictures do not do justice to this kind of work; it must be seen to be appreciated.

Of his hobby, Foster said: "Even after all these years I find that my hobby still gives both pleasure and recreation. I hope that other employes will come out in the open and confess their hobbies so that others might also enjoy them."

—Courtesy The Steel Blade.

### A Fish Story



**Mrs. Eliza (Grandma) Hathaway** of Silverton, Ore., is 86 years old and never fished in her life until recently, when she heard a thrashing in a creek near her home, investigated, and found the trout shown in the picture above impaled on a willow limb. She picked it up and carried it home, her first and only catch.

### Flipping The Herald Files Backward

**1924—Thirteen Years Ago**  
R. R. Smith becomes plant manager at Union Tool. Herald moves into new building at 1419 Marcella avenue. High school auditorium dedicated with play, "The Charm School."  
Mr. and Mrs. W. E. B. Partridge enjoying six-months' tour of Europe.  
Forty men fight 12 hours to quell flames which destroy rig of Kettler No. 8 of the C. C. M. O., along old Redondo street east of Arlington.

**1927—Ten Years Ago**  
Miss Virginia Watson, local girl, appears on Torrance theatre program as concert pianist. Mrs. Mary L. Crimmings elected district president of Royal Neighbors. Richard Sinclair, high school student, wins \$5 for wild flower poster.

**1932—Five Years Ago**  
Building permit issued for \$84,000 Fern avenue school. Carl Burmaster returns after five-months' cruise as musician on "round-the-world" voyage. Mrs. Juliet M. Young, elementary teacher, elected president of National Business and Professional Women's club. Combined vote cast in Torrance and Lomita primary gave Hoover delegates 1,455; Garner, 1,029; Roosevelt, 329, and Smith, 246.

**1936—One Year Ago**  
Four hundred Boy Scouts participate in Jamboree at city park. Vacations with pay granted hourly and tonnage rate workers at Columbia Steel. Mrs. Neil McConlogue, 1028 Portola, convalescing after operation. Five deputy constables in this district made deputy sheriffs. Carleton Bell named chairman of Freeholders; charter draft begins. Miss Lute Fraser re-elected president of National Business and Professional Women's club.

Thirteen, Ten, Five and One Year Ago

### Developer-of-Year to Be Paid Honor During Trade Week

**CHAIRMAN**



**W. H. SCHROEDER**  
General chairman of Foreign Trade Week, May 15-22, who is an expert on international commerce.

Trade, civic, fraternal organizations and individuals in Los Angeles county have been invited to nominate the man who has contributed most towards the advancement of Los Angeles harbor development and foreign trade during the past year.

From among these nominees, a man will be chosen to be honored with an achievement during this year's observance of Foreign Trade Week, May 15-22, it was announced by William H. Schroeder, general chairman. An annual award will be made thereafter.

Prior to the beginning of Foreign Trade Week, selection of the men to be honored will be made by a civic committee to be announced.

Annual observance of Foreign Trade Week originated with the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce 11 years ago. It proved to be so successful in awakening the public to the importance of international commerce that the United States Chamber of Commerce has sponsored it as a national celebration during the last three years. More than 300 cities are participating this year.

### Support Lent Inland Harbor Proposal

New hope for the long-proposed inland industrial harbor project was revived this week when C. H. Howell, flood control engineer, announced his reactions to a recent conference on the project. The meeting was called by Howell, who listened to F. M. Andeani and City Engineer Frank R. Leonard outline the inland harbor plan. They pointed out that it would solve the drainage problem in Nigger Slough.

Howell declared "the flood control problem would be much simplified" if the proposed channel were dug in a letter to Supervisor Leland Ford on the subject, copies of which were received here. An extensive survey of the flood problem around Keystone is now being conducted by the county authorities, and the inland harbor conference was part of that investigation.

Howell suggested to Andeani, enthusiastic backer of the project, that it be built by private capital rather than a public works. "The county," he said, "could assist in the construction. If it could be demonstrated that such a development would be economical and sound from a flood control standpoint," Howell closed his report to Ford with the recommendation that the project be studied by harbor experts.

### Mrs. O'Neal, 82, Dies Suddenly

A resident at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Kneisler of 1008 Amapola avenue, for the past six years, Mrs. Mary Jane O'Neal, passed away suddenly last Friday at a rest home in Riverside. Mrs. O'Neal, who was 82 years of age and a native of Kingman, Ill., had been taken to the home shortly before Mr. and Mrs. Kneisler departed for Texas. They were summoned home before they had completed their trip east.

Mrs. O'Neal was a member of the Christian church. Besides her daughter here, she was survived by two others, Mrs. J. L. Cooper, of Dallas, and Mrs. Jesse L. Martin of Independence, Mo. The latter came here for the funeral service Monday afternoon but Mrs. Cooper was unable to make the trip on account of illness.

Rev. Ben Lingenfelter conducted the rites at Stone and Myers' chapel and Mrs. Mary Thompson of Long Beach was soloist. Interment was at Angelus Abby.

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### Letters to the Editor

**THANK YOU!**  
Editor, Torrance Herald:

The Loyal Order of Moose wishes to thank you and Mrs. Roxie Sleeth for the fine write-up you gave us for the installation of officers and also for past favors.

Sincerely yours,  
(Signed) DREW E. KING,  
Publicity Chairman.

### Keystone Resident Dies Yesterday

William Henry Copeland, resident of Keystone for many years, passed away yesterday at his home, 21714 Dolores avenue. He was survived by his wife and a son, who lives in Nebraska. Funeral arrangements are held up pending the arrival of the son, according to Stone and Myers' morticians.

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**QUESTIONS:**  
What is the first musical instrument mentioned in the Bible?  
And here is one that sounds very simple: Which one of our United States is farthest north? What is Eschscholtzia California? All you native Californians, quick now with the answer!

**TODAY'S PROVERB:**  
"Wash a dog, comb a dog, Still a dog remains a dog."  
—Danish.  
Good old Cleero said: "Proverbs are salt pits from which you may extract salt and sprinkle it where you will."

**ANSWERS:**  
You have to go 'way back to Genesis to find the first musical instrument mentioned in the Bible. Early in Genesis we read that Jubal "was the father of all such as handle the harp and pipe."  
Minnesota is the state farthest north! If you don't believe it, get out your map!  
Eschscholtzia California is very common, here in California, especially at this time of the year. It is familiarly known to most of us as the California poppy.

**ADIOS**  
"All who joy would win Must share it—Happiness was born a twin."  
—Byron.

### BRITISH FESTIVAL

A "Coronation social" for all former British subjects will be held at the Community Presbyterian church in Lomita next Tuesday evening, May 11. A potluck supper will precede the festivities.

Ceod Plets Tobacco Chewer PITTSBURGH. (U. P.)—There is one co-ed at Duquesne University who would consider it all right for her "ideal man" to chew tobacco.

**STREAMS STOCKED**  
Good catches of trout are expected to be made during the first couple of weeks of the new season which opened May 1. Streams and reservoirs were stocked during the past few months by the State Fish and Game Commission.

**Huge Influx**  
More than 31,000 non-resident automobiles entered California during the first two months of 1937.

**NARBONNE PLAY MAY 21**  
"Big Hearted Herbert" is the comedy-drama to be presented on May 21 in the Narbonne high school auditorium as the Senior class play, starring Carter Wells, Marie Frank, Rose Tapie, and Bert Hamilton.

**Women's Feet Larger**  
ST. LOUIS. (U.P.)—Women's shoes have increased by one to one and a half sizes during the past 10 years, according to a local manufacturer.

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